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E.O. 11652: XGDS1
TAGS: ESTC, COCOM, BE, RO
SUBJECT: BELGIAN CNC JIG BORING AND DRILLING MACHINES
TO ROMANIA--IL 1091

REF: COCOM DOC. (75) 797

1. BELGIAN DEL STEVENS HAS NOTIFIED US OF HIS INTENTION TO SUBMIT UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURE TWO TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING CNC MACHINE TOOLS SIMILAR BUT NOT IDENTICAL TO THOSE WHICH WERE SUBJECT OF REF CASE WITHDRAWN LAST YEAR AND UNILATERALLY APPROVED BY BELGIAN AUTHORITIES. EXPORTING FIRM IS SAME, PEGARD. IT SHIPPED ONLY ONE OF TEN EQUIPMENTS PROPOSED LAST YEAR, STEVENS REPORTED, HAS NEVER RECOVERED FROM SERIOUS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES INCURRED AS RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH ORDERS, AND NOW FACES BANKRUPTCY IF IT LOSES THIS ORDER. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF IT GETS ORDER, IT WILL RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCE PAYMENT, WHICH WILL HELP ITS FINANCIAL SITUATION.

2. ON BASIS OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, SAID STEVENS, HIS GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED AGAIN TO WITHDRAW CASE FROM COCOM AND APPROVE IT UNILATERALLY IF US OBJECTS OR ITS CONSIDERATION OF CASE IS TOO PROTRACTED. HE EMPHASIZED THAT BELGIAN INTENTION IS NOT TO BLACKMAIL US BUT TO
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WARN IN ADVANCE OF SERIOUSNESS WHICH BELGIAN GOVERNMENT

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ATTACHES TO THESE TRANSACTIONS. BELGIUM WOULD HATE TO ACT IN THIS CASE IN SAME FASHION AS WITH (75) 797, HE SAID, AND REGARDS IT AS REGRETTABLE FROM VIEWPOINT OF COCOM MORALE.

3. FOLLOWING ARE PARTIAL DETAILS SUPPLIED BY STEVENS:
A) CNC IS MODEL MBD 550, US VERSION. BELGIAN AUTHORITIES REGARD IT AS UNEMBARGOED. THE MACHINE TOOL ITSELF IS EMBARGOED BY VIRTUE OF 3.5 METERS SLIDE TRAVEL AND 26 KW SPINDLE HORSEPOWER. END-USER IS CRAIOVA, BUCHAREST.

B) CNC AND MACHINE TOOL ARE BOTH EMBARGOED. CNC IS MODEL ECS 2110. MACHINE TOOL HAS 5.5 METER SLIDE TRAVEL, 26 KW SPINDLE HORSEPOWER. END-USER IS IMG, BUCHAREST.

4. USDEL WILL CABLE FURTHER DETAILS WHEN REQUEST IS RECEIVED. IT WILL MENTION PARAGRAPH 1(D) OF GENERAL EXCEPTIONS PROCEDURE AND SPECIAL ECONOMIC FACTORS INVOLVED.
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